Friends of the Library 37th Annual

Needlework Show

You are invited to share your needle artistry and creativity in our Spring Needlework Show, to be held at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, March 23-27, 2011. Rather than competition, the purpose of the show is to encourage needle artists to share their talents and creative ideas in order to inspire and motivate others. Entry fees are $5 per item. There is no fee for juvenile entries. As in past years, we will award ribbons for ‘Best of Show’, ‘Judges’ Choice’, and ‘Popular Choice’ in addition to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons for individual projects (no set number of ribbons is awarded in any category). Best of Show winners will also receive a cash prize of $25.

All types of hand needlework will be accepted. Categories include: counted cross stitch, other counted thread techniques, surface stitchery (crewel, embroidery, etc.), canvas (needlepoint), quilting (hand or machine quilting, grouped into bed-size vs. smaller-size quilts), hand knitting, and crochet. A minimum of five entries constitutes a category; if fewer items are entered they will be judged as Miscellaneous. All final category decisions will be made by the judges.

Anyone from Northeast Ohio may submit entries in one or more categories. Entries will be accepted from individuals or groups. Entries must be the work of a living person(s) and entered in their name. We will not accept any article that has been previously exhibited at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Show. Due to limited space, items are displayed at the show’s discretion. Framed items may not exceed 35” in any direction. Limit 4 quilts per person. King-size quilts and other particularly large items will be displayed on a space-available basis only.

Entries will be accepted on Saturday, March 19 between 10 AM and 4 PM and on Sunday, March 20 between 1:30 PM and 4 PM. We will take every precaution possible to ensure the safety of works submitted, but cannot be held responsible for loss or damage. See page 7 in this newsletter for a complete listing of Needlework Show hours. The Spring Needlework Show is cosponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.
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NEW MOVIES

Look for these on our shelves. Holds can now be placed on these items.

127 Hours
Black Swan
Burlesque
Fair Game
Faster
The Fighter
Hereafter
How Do You Know
Inside Job
Jackass 3
Love & Other Drugs
Made In Dagenham
Morning Glory
Next Three Days
Skyline
The Switch
Tangled
The Tourist

ANIME ART CONTEST

Love to draw anime and manga? Show off your stuff in our Anime Art Contest! Students in grades 7 through 12 can enter original artwork relating to anime, manga, video games, original characters or fan art. Win $50, $30, or $20 giftcards to Hobby Lobby for free art supplies! The winning artist will also have their design used to promote the library’s Anime Club. All the artwork will be displayed in the library during Spring Break Week, March 19-27. Entries are due by March 8, 2011. Pick up rules and entry forms at the Adult Information Desk or on the library’s website. One entry per person.
Kristin Casale

How long have you been working at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
About two years.

What is your current job?
Children’s Services Associate

What other jobs have you had while employed at the library?
I have also worked in the 1st Floor Circulation Department. Both jobs are pretty exciting from day to day.

How would you describe the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
It’s very busy. People don’t think of a library as a hub of activity, but it is. All kinds of things happen here on a daily basis.

What book would you recommend?
I really love Brown Rabbit in the City by Natalie Russell for kids. It’s an awesome book about friendship. For adults, it’s very hard to choose, but probably The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

What is your favorite vacation spot?
Tie between Seattle and San Francisco. I like cities with lots of adventure.

What are your hobbies?
I play in a band called the 4-Q’s and we do shows occasionally. I also like listening to music, walking, and reading.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
I generally dislike TV, but I really enjoy those BBC historical mini-series you can catch on PBS sometimes. They have lots of twists and turns!

Do you have any pets?
Yes, a pretty bad dog named Lucky and a cat that sometimes bites named Kevin.

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
I like the online book reservations you can do from anywhere. And then if you give the library your email, that’s how you can get a notice that it’s in.

Book Donation Day

Book Donation Day will be April 2, 10 AM – 4 PM, when the Friends of the Library gratefully accept your donations of books, CDs, DVDs, software, puzzles, tapes, records, etc. Materials are then moved upstairs to set up for the Spring Book Sale. Patrons who donate 10 or more items on Donation Day will receive a pass to Member’s Only Morning for the Spring Book Sale on Wednesday, April 13.
Backyard Basics

Anxious for Spring?
Now is a great time to browse our extensive collection on vegetable gardening, bird watching, flowers, herbs, patio design, hiking, camping, and more.
Questions

by Barbara Nelson
Assistant Head of Reference Services

Q Where did the @ sign come from?

The @ was not invented for the computer age. It existed hundreds of years ago as a “ligature word”, for the Latin word “ad” meaning toward or to. The letter “a” and the letter “d” were combined into this symbol which required fewer pen strokes. In Italy it is called “chiocciola” (snail), in Holland “apestaart” or “monkey’s tail” and in Sweden it is popularly known as “cinnamon bun” or “elephant’s ear”.

Q Do you carry books to help prepare for standardized tests like the ACT, Civil Service Exams or Praxis?

Yes. We have a very limited number of these books available in our Test Prep area. We also have a database called Learning Express Library that provides practice tests online which are always available. You can take sample tests and receive your scores immediately to see where you need help. Just go to the Information Tab on our website (www.smfpl.org) and search the databases for Learning Express Library.

Q When did Ohio become a state?

Ohio was admitted to the Union as the 17th state on March 1, 1803.

Q When was the first St. Patrick’s Day Parade?

The first St. Patrick’s Day Parade was held in New York City on March 17th, 1762.

Morningstar Investment Research Center

Morningstar Investment Research Center Database is now available at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

As part of its continuing mission to serve the needs of the community, the library recently announced the addition of the new online investing research tool Morningstar Investment Research Center to its reference collection. Morningstar Investment Research Center gives patrons another valuable investing resource. The service is from Morningstar, Inc., a leading provider of independent investment research in North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia.

Library patrons interested in stocks and funds will have access to Morningstar’s valuable premium information. This includes Morningstar analysts’ independent opinion on 1,700 stocks, 2,200 mutual funds, and 300 exchange rated funds. Morningstar Investment Research Center also offers accurate, up-to-date data on 35,000 stocks and funds, along with industry and market data. The database lets users build and test portfolio ideas online and provides financial education through its Investing Classroom.

This is one more way Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is serving the need for information that educates residents and helps them achieve their personal and professional goals.
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Registration of Entries
Sat., March 19, 2011; 10 AM - 4 PM
Sun., March 20, 1:30 - 4 PM
No entries will be accepted after these times.

Entry Pickup
Mon., March 28, Noon - 8 PM
Tues., March 29, 6 - 8 PM

Needlework Show Hours
Wed., March 23, 10 AM - 8 PM
Thurs., March 24, 10 AM - 8 PM
Fri., March 25, 10 AM - 5 PM
Sat., March 26, 10 AM - 5 PM
Sun., March 27, 1 - 4 PM

Free admission. All ages may enter. Photos permitted.
Entry fees: $5/item (no fees for juvenile entries). For information, call (330) 688-3295.
Directions to the library are available on our website. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

Scrabble Club
Wed., March 30
6 - 8:30 PM
The library is starting an adult Scrabble Club! Our first get together will be March 30. This is an introductory session promoting friendly, non-tournament style play. All skill levels are invited. Come and make new friends and enjoy your favorite game. Scrabble Club is for players age 14 and up. Bring a Scrabble Board if you have one. Registration is not required. Refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.
Don’t miss these great programs at your library!
• Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register.

Did you know that March was originally the first month of the Roman calendar until Julius Caesar changed it to number 3?
Multi-Media Conference Room

- 16’ conference table with 14 executive style conference room chairs.
- 46” LED Samsung television/monitor with high contrast/sharp image.
- Conference table has 8 electrical ports, sound, VGA and USB connections to high definition webcam.
- Room is easily setup for PowerPoint, internet, Skype and web conferences.
- No charge for non-profit organizations. For-profit groups’ rate is $30/hr.
- Call the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library for scheduling and availability.
- Furnishings provided by Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation and were made possible by Dessert Extravaganza profits.

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